

## **Minutes**

### **Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District**

#### **Regular Meeting**

**Friday November 18, 2011, 1:30 pm**

**Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve**

**Visitor Center**

**Call to Order: 1:35pm**

**Roll Call: Directors Long, Rahn, Thomasian, Nelson, Head**

**NRCS rep: Bob Hewitt**

**Public: Myrna Alzaga**

**Motion to Approve the Agenda: approval 5-0**

**Minutes of September 9, 2011: Board Approval with correction made by Head**

**Public Comments: Myrna lives in Lake Villages where the lakes are in need of maintenance. She is partnering with Temecula city to look into a Stormwater Grant/ prop 84 and will attend the workshop in December.**

#### ***Business portion of the Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District Board Meeting***

**Financial reports:** Distributed Quarterly: Discussion about moving endowments to Union Bank. There is a need for more break-out of the endowments and holdings for better understanding.

**Correspondence: none**

#### **Board Action Items:**

2.1 Establish an awards program and appoint a committee to provide candidate recipients to the Board for selection. Appoint Head and Thomasian as committee and use the criteria that Head distributed. Motion by Rahn, second, Nelson, vote 5-0.

–Discussion of the award document for title, design and text that will describe the reasons for the award.

–Head described the Colony project showing conserved 27% (2008 to 2011 comparison) water since their new drought resistant landscape. New irrigation installation will bring another 10% conserved. Buffalo grass has been tested and found successful. The Colony will be considered for the first recipient. This project will be a good project to show other HOAs. Benefits need to be shown to the homeowners first so that the initial expense will be approved.

–Suggestion for other recipients include Murrieta School District for installing solar panels and Ponte Winery

–Committee will report next meeting.

#### **Discussion Items:**

##### **Old Business**

3.1

Discussion of on-going projects and grant applications.

California State Parks OHV Grant

IRWMP

##### **New Business**

4.1 Local Groundwater Assistant grant in Anza/Aguanga. Will meet with USGS to discuss.

## Directors' Requests for Future Agenda Items

### Monthly Reports

District Counsel : Ray Johnson

--He reported our Clinton Keith property is recorded as zero value so property taxes will be exempted.

--Groups are working on getting letters and postcards together to send to the Bd. of Supervisors for the upcoming hearing on the Granite Quarry.

--Protect Wine Country group is filing an reply against the proposal that the planning director alone can decide on projects

--the Galway Downs soccer field project is still being appealed. The BOS will decide ,in January, if they have to do an EIS since they have asked for a negative declaration right now.

### Agency Reports NRCS, Bob Hewitt

--State Conservationist met with Rancho Water District and Bob about irrigation projects on local farms. They will get funding from the Farm Bill to pay for audits and improvements on some of these water systems. Twelve people are signed up.

-- A dairy in San Jacinto, Bruce Scott, will make diesel fuel using the cow manure. This is a good way to remove the salts which are difficult contaminants to remove. Methane gas will produce various liquid fuels, including the diesel.

--Gerald Clark (Cahuilla Res.) will be getting funding for his cattle business (fencing, wells)

--Olive Wood Farm (organic) getting funding

--Peltzer Farms (wine country) funding for putting pipes to stop erosion.

--Santa Rosa Band of Indians (Hwy 74) range land/ erosion problems

--40 acres of avocados in De Luz funding for helping with pump problems

--Tucalota Valley (Sage Rd.) Farms funding to improve range for cattle

--Head asked about WHIP—wildlife habitat programs. Pay farmers to protect habitat.

EMARCD Director Reports: To be submitted in written form.  
Board members may ask for clarification at the meeting

Associate Director Report

Fire Safe Council report

**Adjournment: 3:35pm**

**Thomasian made motion, second, Head, vote 5-0**

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Signature and date